

CCS HCS SB 735 -- JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

COURT AUTOMATION FUND (Section 476.055, RSMo)

Currently, the expiration date of the Statewide Court Automation Fund fee is September 1, 2018. This bill extends the expiration date to September 1, 2023. Currently, the Court Automation Committee is required to complete its duties prior to September 1, 2020. This bill extends that date to September 1, 2025.

The bill adds the Executive Director of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services and the Director of the State Public Defender System as members of the Court Automation Committee.

BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND (Section 477.650)

The Basic Civil Legal Services Fund is currently set to expire on December 31, 2018. This bill extends the expiration date to December 31, 2025.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS (Sections 600.042, 600.090, and 600.101)

This bill repeals a provision requiring the Commission on Judicial Resources to report to certain Senate and House committees regarding office space for public defenders.

Currently, the Director of the State Public Defender System must implement a plan to establish district offices that align with judicial circuit boundaries by December 31, 2018. This bill extends the date of implementation to December 31, 2021.

Currently, the Director of the Missouri State Public Defender System is allowed to delegate the legal representation of any person to any licensed attorney. This bill specifies that the director can delegate the legal representation of people who are eligible for representation by the Public Defender System.

Currently, unexpended funds of up to \$150,000 are allowed to remain in the Legal Defense and Defender Fund at the end of the fiscal year. This bill removes the cap, so all unexpended money remains in the fund.